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Dr. Fritz, born 1915  
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10. 10. 1954

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on 7. 10. 1954, the following information was received from the German Embassy in London, London, England, dated 10. 10. 1954:

a. Dr. Fritz, born 1915 in Linz, Austria, is married to Dr. Fritz, born 1915 in Linz, Austria. They have two (2) children, Dr. Fritz, born 1937 in Linz, Austria, and Dr. Fritz, born 1938 in Linz, Austria. In addition to German, Dr. Fritz speaks Italian, French and Italian.

b. In 1945, Dr. Fritz joined the Dr. Fritz (Socialist Party of Austria) (SPÖ) and is still a member of that party. In 1951, Dr. Fritz moved from Linz, Austria, to Vienna, Austria, where he is employed with Dr. Fritz (United Austrian Iron and Steel Works) in the public relations department. Because of his repeated attacks against the present Dr. Fritz (Director General of the SPÖ), Dr. Fritz, he was transferred as manager to the SPÖ subsidiary, Dr. Fritz, where he is presently employed.

c. Recently, Dr. Fritz resumed his journalistic activities and, although it is not known publicly, he participates part-time in the publication of Dr. Fritz, a monthly newspaper, edited and published in Linz. This signal was the existence of the institution of the SPÖ in Linz. Although the publication claims to be non-partisan, it has a socialistic tendency. The goal of the newspaper is to create the image of former Nazi party members in order to establish a connection between the SPÖ and these persons, and thereby win support for the SPÖ. Therefore, Dr. Fritz is financed primarily by the SPÖ. The newspaper's main support comes from Nazi adherents, since it is written by a writer who is completely anti-Communist and anti-Nazi. The journalistic contributions are mostly from former Nazi party members and are mostly written by members of the SPÖ or closely associated with it. The responsible managing editor of Dr. Fritz is Dr. Fritz, born 1915, Austrian, residing at Linz, Austria, Auguststrasse 10. However, Dr. Fritz, an employee of the SPÖ and functionary of the SPÖ, is mainly responsible. At Linz, the SPÖ runs the newspaper. In addition to Dr. Fritz, known members of the editorial staff of Dr. Fritz are:

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Re: [redacted], Dr Anton  
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Upper Austria, Linz

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of the non-partisan Betriebsräte (shop stewards) in Austria. He travels frequently in Lands Moravia, Tyrol and Vorarlberg, and also to Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria, and to Upper Austria.

(2) Dr. Magfried Lettner, employee of VOeSt, resides at Linz-Loosdang, house #192. FELDMAN, Kreuzberg and Lettner have been acquainted since the Nazi era and all were functionaries of the Nazi Party. Therefore, they still have a vast number of acquaintances among former Nazi members, and can thereby create an opening for the sale of "Das Signal" among the National Socialist groups. The subscribers are mostly former Nazi Party members residing in Upper Austria and Land Salzburg. The circulation is not very large.

d. During the illegal period (1934-1938) of the Nazi Party, FELDMAN was editor of the illegal party organ "Oesterreichische Beobachter", and following the annexation of Austria by the Nazi regime, SUBJECT headed the provincial press office. He still has many connections in foreign countries, particularly West Germany, from where he receives many contributions for "Das Signal". He also maintains good liaison with the West as well as the East German news services since many former Nazi functionaries are holding key positions in those news services. Undoubtedly, SUBJECT is in contact with the intelligence services of "Blank and Gehlen". FELDMAN is acquainted with Postl and Mast and with Walter Steiner, an employee of the Russian news service, believed to be residing in Baden, near Vienna, Austria. SUBJECT has a large number of acquaintances in the Salzburg area and also in Salzburg. He spends most of his free time in these areas. Included among his acquaintances are:

(1) Walter Kernmayer, aka Kern, an author, residing in Gaudenz, with whom FELDMAN has a close relationship.

(2) Gustav Adolf Neumann, editor and publisher of the "Wochenecho" and "Echo der Heimat". Neumann, born 11 Jun 1924 in Grieskirchen, Upper Austria, is single, a Roman Catholic, and resides in Linz at Stockbauernstrasse 11.

(3) Karl Wolfgruber, born 21 May 1902 in Meran, former Gauhauptstellenleiter of the Nazi Party, presently employed by VOeSt. Wolfgruber is married and resides at Linz, Tugassingerstrasse 5.

(4) Walter Wolfgruber, brother of Karl, presently residing in Treibstadt, Soviet Zone of Upper Austria.

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(5) Alois Aler, ~~an~~ independent journalist, born 17 Feb 1919 in St Florian, Upper Austria, married and residing at Linz-Kaferfeld, Lehensteinerstrasse 3.

(6) (Dr) (fnu) Slavik, ~~former~~ president of the Nationale Liga.

Through "Das Signal" FLENNER has liaison with American and British occupation powers and allegedly receives financial support for the newspaper from American offices. It is known that for some time he has received news contributions from the American Information Center. FLENNER works for the news service of the SPOs and frequently delivers information to American offices. FLENNER is well-informed about all economic and political matters concerning Austria and foreign countries, which indicates he has good liaison men everywhere. He is especially well-informed concerning the Eastern news services, the occurrences within the Communist Party in Austria and Germany, and the USIA establishments in Austria. However, SUBJECT is definitely anti-Communist.

e. On 17 Jul 1954, SUBJECT purchased a 1954 Ford-Taunus H 12, license number 1-4501, for 47,000 Austrian National Schillings (ANS) (Current exchange rate: 26 ANS = \$1.00) from Hermann Mayer, a Ford dealer, Linz, Bethlahenstrasse 1. He made a down payment of 20,000 ANS and the balance is to be paid in 24 monthly installments. The car is also employed in the delivery of the newspapers. As head of the stocker firm, SUBJECT receives a monthly net income of 3,500 ANS. The SPOs pays him an additional 1,000 to 2,000 ANS for his work with "Das Signal". SUBJECT owns a piece of ground in Urfahr, Soviet Zone of Upper Austria, from which he derives no income but which is utilized as a garden. According to the Land Registry Office in Urfahr, this property has been encumbered since 1951 with a mortgage amounting to 24,000 ANS issued by the Allgemeine Sparkasse in Linz.

f. On 20 Oct 1951, SUBJECT was issued a passport for Austrian citizens, #A 748567/10067/51, by the Federal Police in Linz, valid for all European countries and countries overseas. It could not be established whether or not FLENNER has made any trips out of Austria. (B-3)

Agent's Notes: A review of the newspaper "Das Signal" indicates it is anti-clerical and the only political party it tends to support is the SPOs. It attempts to ridicule the Austrian Government as practiced since 1945.

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**AG-201 REPORT**

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On 20 Jan 1955, the name files of the Regional Registry, 430th CIC Detachment, Region "B", APO 170, US Army, were examined concerning the personalities mentioned in this report and found to contain the following information:

a. Dr Anton FRANKE: The files contain no information other than that previously reported.

b. Walter Hitzinger: Hitzinger has been mentioned in numerous reports as being identified with extreme-left elements of the Socialist Party.

c. Karl Mistelbauer: No record.

d. Dr Hans Kreuzberger: Agent report I/27408, dated 4 Mar 1953, Subject: "Walter Hitzinger (Now General Director of VCoEST)", mentions Dr Hans Kreuzberger, alleged member of the SD (Security Service), journalist, born 17 May 1924 in Vienna, residing at Linz, Gimpfingerstrasse 63, permanent residence at Vienna VI, Mollardgasse 30b, as holding a key position at VCoEST. Hitzinger allegedly was an informant of Kreuzberger during National Socialist times. Kreuzberger has allegedly been assigned the task, as the closest associate of the director general, to establish within the framework of VCoEST a spy system with the ostensible mission of observing the political trends within VCoEST. The actual purpose of the network is to provide Hitzinger with a personal intelligence agency. (evaluated M-6)

e. Dr Siegfried Lettner: Possibly identical with Siegfried Lettner, born 8 Mar 1905 in Windischgarsten, Austria, residing Linz, Pechnerstrasse 6, mentioned as an employee of VCoEST, accused of false registration in a letter, dated 27 Jan 1948, to the State Security Direction for Upper Austria, Linz. (no evaluation)

f. "Blank": Agent report I/29580, dated 13 Nov 1953, Subject: "West German Intelligence Miscellaneous Information", mentions Blank as a West German Intelligence organization. (evaluated M-3)

g. "Gehlen":

(1) Agent report I/29580, dated 13 Nov 1953, Subject: "West German Intelligence Miscellaneous Information", mentions the Gehlen Bureau as a West German Intelligence organization. (evaluated M-3)

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(2) Agent Report L/29580, dated 26 Mar 1954, Subject: "West German Intelligence Organization (Bureau Gehlen)", mentions (fnu) Gehlen, former German Army General, renowned German Secret Service chief, as heading the Bureau Gehlen, a West German intelligence organization. (evaluated C-3)

h. Moettl: Identical with Dr Wilhelm Moettl, born 19 Mar 1915, who is mentioned in numerous reports as an intelligence opportunist who has offered his services to various American intelligence agencies.

i. Mast: Identical with Baron Heinrich (Harry) Mast, born 26 Dec 1897 in Linz, Upper Austria, who is mentioned in numerous reports as an intelligence opportunist who attempts to sell intelligence information to various intelligence agencies in Austria.

j. Walter Steiner: Not identifiable.

k. Walter Kernmayer: Kernmayer is mentioned in numerous reports as a former German SS (Schutz Staffel) (Elite Guard) leader formerly interned in Glasenbach, who is considered to be one of the leaders of the neo-Nazi movement in Austria.

l. Gustav Adolf Kowman: No record.

m. Karl Wolfgruber: Agent report L/27408, dated 1 Mar 1953, Subject: "Walter Hitzinger (New General Director of VCoEST)", mentions Wolfgruber, former propaganda chief of the Nazi Party for Upper Austria, born 21 May 1902 in Meran, residing Linz, Tunggassingerstrasse 5, as currently holding a key position at VCoEST. (evaluated B-6)

n. Walter Wolfgruber: No record.

o. Alois Eder:

(1) Agent report L/26434, dated 17 Sep 1952 and 23 Jan 1954, Subject: "Alois Eder, Intelligence operative, Upper Austria", mentions Eder as being a former SS officer, interned in Camp Marcus Orr, a member of the VdU (Vereinigung der Unabhängigen) (League of Independents), a suspected member of the KPÖ (Kommunistische Partei Österreichs) (Communist Party of Austria), as having made anti-American speeches in the subviertel section of Upper Austria, and as being an intelligence opportunist. (evaluated B-3)

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